

# GOVERNOR'S TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMISSION

August 15, 2003

8:30 a.m.

## MINUTES

### GTSAC MEMBERS

Michael Prince  
Linda Scarpetta  
Greg Lantzy  
Rose Jarois  
Lt. Steve Rains  
John Friend  
Steve Betterly  
Al Byam  
Chief Gary Gibbons

### REPRESENTING

Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP)  
Department of Community Health  
Department of Education (MDE)  
Department of State (DOS)  
Capt. Dan Smith, Department of State Police  
Department of Transportation (MDOT)  
Office of Services to the Aging  
Local Representative  
Local Representative

### STAFF

Sue Joseph

### GTSAC MEMBERS ABSENT

Lisa Webb-Sharpe  
Robert Morris, Chair

Office of the Governor  
Local Representative

### TASK TEAMS

Sgt. Matt Bolger  
Patricia Carrow  
Steve Schreier  
Kathy Farnum

MSP/Executive Division – Legislation Contact  
MSP/OHSP – Elderly Mobility Task Force Contact  
MSP/OHSP – Intersection Safety Team Contact  
MSP/OHSP – Planning and Evaluation Team Contact

### ADVISORY GROUPS

Richard Miller  
Karen Petersmarck  
Anne Readett  
Homer Smith  
Risa Wilkerson

AAA Michigan – Data Action Team Chair  
MDCH – Non-Motorized Transportation Safety Action Team Co-Chair  
OHSP – Public Information and Education Action Team Chair  
MADD Michigan – Impaired Driving Action Team Chair  
Michigan Fitness Foundation – Non-Motorized Transportation Safety Action Team Co-Chair

### GUESTS

Cheril Lin Abeel  
Dr. Bill Donohue  
Jim Kirschensteiner  
Tom Krycinski  
Dave Morena  
Don Papcun  
Cathy Pavick  
Debbie Savage  
Anna Tyszkiewicz  
Mary Wichman

### REPRESENTING

Southeast Michigan Council of Governments  
Michigan State University  
Federal Highway Administration  
Michigan State University – Civil and Environmental Engineering  
Federal Highway Administration  
MDOT – Traffic and Safety, Safety Programs  
Michigan Licensed Beverage Association  
MSP – OHSP  
Grand Valley Metro Council  
MSP – Traffic Crash Reporting Section

The meeting was called to order and chaired by Michael Prince. Roll call was taken for members of the Commission.

### Approval of GTSAC June 20, 2003 Minutes

The June 20, 2003, minutes were approved. Motion by Rose Jarois seconded by Linda Scarpetta.

### Public Comment/Announcement Items

Governor has appointed a new chair, Robert Morris. The web announcement of the new chair from the Governor's Office was distributed. An orientation and transition meeting will be scheduled. At future meetings, introductions will be conducted around the table for recognition of represented agencies, task teams and advisory groups.

## **Report/Update Items**

### **GTSAC Commissioners' Update**

- Education – Bills have been approved to move the Motorcycle Safety Program to the Department of State and the Off-Road Vehicles Program to the Department of Natural Resources. The Graduated Drivers License (GDL) materials are being reprinted. Driver Education Symposium will be held in October to discuss GDL issues.
- State – All minors obtaining licenses since July 1<sup>st</sup> have been issued the new vertical license. All people under age 21 were mailed a brochure encouraging them to obtain the new vertical license. License fees will increase effective October 1, 2003.
- State Police – No Report.
- Transportation – Give Them a Break campaign and the Work Zone Enforcement campaign will be funded through the Transportation Authorization Bill approved by the Governor. Enforcement visibility in work zones is helping to change driver behavior. MDOT is in the budget-planning phase for allocation of the approved Transportation Authorization Bill money for the new fiscal year. The current Reauthorization Bill (TEA-21) will expire September 30, 2003. Most likely Washington will issue a continuance. MDOT will provide funding to the Fort Street project in Detroit to make this street older driver friendly with larger road signs. MDOT is working on their 5-year Safety Plan. The 5-year MDOT Safety Plan will be brought to the GTSAC October meeting with a presentation and a request for approval and support of the plan. A letter from AAHSTO was distributed. MDOT will have a formal presentation on the proposed AAHSTO plan at the October GTSAC meeting. MDOT would then like to ask for approval and support of the AASHTO plan from the GTSAC.
- OSA – Elderly Driver Community Workshop is scheduled for September 18, 2003 in Caro. This workshop will discuss older driver issues in relation to community improvements. Strategies will be developed to address the findings at the local level. Thumb region communities are the targeted audience for this workshop.
- OHSP – The Highway Safety Plan is being finalized. Grants are being received and reviewed electronically. Special thanks to OHSP staff for the dedicated work with this new process and assisting the grantees. Training on the new .08 law for the criminal justice community will be taking place around the state. A committee has been formed to develop an educational campaign for the public on the .08 law. The next meeting of this group will be on August 21, 2003 at 9:30 a.m. in the Motor Carrier Conference Room at the Collins Road Facility. The Mobilization Awards Banquet is August 18, 2003 with Chuck Hurley as the keynote speaker. A significant reduction in fatalities has been recorded for the year. Mobilization dates for FY2004 have been established. The You Drink and Drive. You Lose mobilizations will be held December 19, 2003 through January 5, 2004 and June 25 through July 11, 2004. The 2004 Click It or Ticket Mobilizations are planned for November 17 through November 30, 2003 and again from May 24 through June 6, 2004. OHSP's goal is 90% belt use by 2004.
- MDCH – A hospital discharge study was conducted regarding Child Passenger Safety (CPS) training. The goal, with the assistance of an OHSP grant, is to have a certified technician in hospitals to train new parents on CPS use. Incentives of free car seats will be offered to hospitals to increase the correct use of car seats. MDCH is the lead agency for Safe Kids Coalitions. MDCH will work with a retired Holland police officer to reintroduce and expand legislation on the CPS law. The application for booster seat campaign money has been submitted but approval of award has not been received.
- Al Byam – A grant has been obtained to educate students and parent on the Underage Drinking issue. Information on the Click It or Ticket campaign along with bike helmet distribution is being provided at the Calhoun County Fair with local police and MSP working together to cover the exhibit booth.

### **Task Team Reports**

#### **➤ Planning and Evaluation – Kathy Farnum/MSP, OHSP**

An action plan along with a proposed matrix format was distributed. Dr. Donohue worked with UMTRI to develop the matrix for the GTSAC to review. Once the matrix format is approved, the Planning and Evaluation Team will complete a matrix for each of the fourteen identified AASHTO issues. National and state statistics will be reviewed and incorporated into the matrix. This information will be used by the Planning and Evaluation Team to assist the GTSAC with the identification of traffic safety issues that should be addressed. The matrix will be updated yearly. K/A injury (fatal and severe injury) type is the focus of the matrix. Work Zones will be added as another issue area. The Planning and Evaluation Task Team will give a presentation at the October GTSAC on the matrix work.

➤ **Intersection Safety – Steve Schreier/MSP, OHSP**

Two Intersection Safety documents (one by the Transportation Research Board and one by Federal Highway Administration) have been released since the Task Team met. The Team felt that a consultant does not need to be hired to develop an Intersection Safety plan for Michigan. Dave Morena of FHWA volunteered to draft a Michigan plan based on information contained in the two documents. The sub-committee will meet again on October 1, 2003 to review and discuss the draft work plan. The work plan will be brought to the October GTSAC meeting for approval.

➤ **Traffic Safety Summit – Kathy Farnum/MSP, OHSP**

The Traffic Safety Summit combined with the Secondary Road Patrol Conference will be held April 26 through April 28, 2004 at the Holiday Inn-South in Lansing. A request for each member of the commission to appoint a person to the Agenda Committee was made. The name of the appointed person should be sent to Pat Carrow of OHSP by August 29, 2003. A topic suggestion request form will be placed on the OHSP web site and should also be returned to Pat Carrow.

➤ **Traffic Safety Legislative Report – Sgt. Matt Bolger/MSP, Executive Division**

Sergeant Bolger distributed and reviewed a handout on the legislative issues that have had action since the last GTSAC meeting in June.

### **Advisory Team Updates**

➤ **Non-Motorized Transportation Safety Advisory**

**Livable Communities Presentation – Karen Petersmarck and Risa Wilkerson/Co-Chair**

Designing Healthy Livable Communities Conference was held in May to promote healthy lifestyles in cooperation with many planning partners. Bicycle Education measures are being promoted to prevent injuries while biking with motorized traffic.

➤ **Traffic Safety/Engineering Advisory Team Update (TSEAC)**

➤ A Michigan Traffic Crash Fundamentals Handbook has been developed and is ready to be finalized. The TSEAC is looking for GTSAC feedback on the booklet before proceeding with production. A message will be sent through the Listserv to review and send comments on the handbook.

### **Discussion Items**

➤ **Committee Structure/Rose – Rose Jarois/DOS**

The GTSAC Committee Structure document was distributed. Confusion on this structure may lead to the possible duplication of efforts by separate teams. Advisory team roles were discussed. Task Teams are formed at the request of the GTSAC. The Task Teams dissolve after the issue is resolved. The Listserv keeps everyone informed on issues. Further discussion on this document will be deferred to the new chair for direction.

➤ **Adult Crossing Guard Training – Richard Miller/AAA**

AAA facilitates the required training for Adult Crossing Guards. A new video, manual and CD have been developed to show updated issues. Seven training sessions have been conducted around the state.

### **GTSAC Administrative Items**

➤ None.

### **Other Business**

Adjourn. Next Meeting is October 17, 2003 at Collins Road in the Presentation Room.

**Future Meeting Schedule = 3rd Friday of every other month**

**2003 Meeting Schedule**

October 17, 2003 – Presentation Room, Collins Road Facility

December 19, 2003– Presentation Room, Collins Road Facility